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SUBJECT: CARIBE-VISTA YOUTH SAFARI

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1. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING TO POS FOLLOWING MATERIALS GATHERED ON CARIBE VISTA GROUP: DETROIT FREE PRESS ARTICLES (AUG 18 - 19, 1974) AND DETAILED REBUTTAL BY CARIBE-VISTA DIRECTOR, REV. BLOSSOM; FOUR-PART SERIES BY JANE HARADINE IN GRAND RAPIDS PRESS (DEC 10-13, 1974), CARIBE VISTA PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND COPY OF GROUP'S FLORIDA STATE LICENSE TO OPERATE AS 2A RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARING FACILITY" (EXPIRED 5/29/74). MATERIALS GIVE COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING GROUP.

2. LEGAL STATUS OF GROUP IN MICHIGAN APPEARS TO REMAIN AMBIGUOUS DUE TO UNCONVENTIONAL PLACEMENT OVERSEAS OF YOUTHS FOR REHABILITATION, AND USE OF FLORIDA LICENSE TO ESTABLISH  
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U.S. OONA FIDES FOR WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY AN OVERSEAS PROGRAM.

DEPARTMENT CHECK WITH OFFICE OF MICHIGAN ATTORNEY GENERAL REVEALED IT HAS ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED REQUEST BY LOCAL OFFICIAL FOR LEGAL OPINION OF PROGRAM. AT PRESENT, MICHIGAN STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REFUSES TO ALLOW USE OF STATE FUNDS FOR A PROGRAM WHICH CANNOT POSSIBLY BE OVERSEEN BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES. OTHER ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM WHICH HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ARE REASONS FOR GROUP'S SUDDEN DEPORTATION FROM HAITI, THE REPORTED ADMINISTRATION OF CORPORAL DISCIPLINE AT ONE PHASE OF THE GROUP'S DEVELOPMENT, AND QUESTION OF WHETHER THE GROUP HAS ADEQUATE LEGAL CUSTODY OVER THE YOUTHS IN THE PROGRAM.

3. ON OTHER HAND, PROGRAM APPEARS TO HAVE HAD MEASUREABLE SUCCESS ACCORDING TO SOME OBSERVERS IN JUVENILE REHABILITATION. IN FACT, THOUGH THE COURTS ARE PROSCRIBED FROM USING STATE FUNDING TO SEND YOUTHS TO THE PROGRAM ANY LONGER, AN INDIVIDUAL PROBATE JUDGE IS REPORTED TO HAVE

RECENTLY OFFERED PARENTS THE OPTION OF SENDING A CHILD AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE TO CARIBE VISTA IN LIEU OF MORE TRADITIONAL PLACEMENT IN LOCAL REFORMATORIES.

4. WHILE GROUP'S STATUS IN U.S. REMAINS AMBIGUOUS, REPORTER HARADINE OF GRAND RAPIDS PRESS, HAS TOLD DEPT. OFFICE THAT REV. GORDON BLOSSOM NOW CLAIMS TO HAVE SECURED AUTHORIZATION FROM GODR TO OPERATE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. EMBASSY'S LAST INDICATION (REF A) WAS THAT GROUP WAS UNDER 60 DAY AUTHORIZATION TO REMAIN IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WHICH WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE EXPIRED. POST MAY WISH TO CHECK ON CURRENT LEGAL BASIS FOR GROUP'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. KISSINGER

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